Departments Under Purview of The RTI

1109. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the issue pertaining to Departments, Ministries, etc. that come under purview of the Right to Information;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Full Information Commission has come to the conclusion recently that Right to Information does not apply to all judcial proceedings;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the tax tribunals have also been exempted from the purview of Right to Information; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Right to Information Act mandates all public authorities including the Ministries and Departments to comply with all the provisions of the Act.

(b) and (c) A bench consisting of the Chief Information Commissioner and two Central Information Commissioners has *inter-alia*, held in a case related to disclosure of the proceedings of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal that the Section 4(1) (d) of the Act does not apply to judicial proceedings conducted by a Court or a Tribunal and recourse to the Act cannot be taken to challenge a judicial decision regarding disclosure of information falling within the jurisdiction of the concerned judicial authority.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Sub-Plan For Minorities

1110. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were reports of a sub-plan for minorities in the Eleventh Five Year Plan to implement Sachar Committee recommendations;

(b) whether that plan has been rejected; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) Deosn't arise.

Projects Under Bharat Nirman Programme

1111. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's Bharat Nirman Programme has a long way to meet its targets in sectors like irrigaiton, road, power, drinking water, and telecommunication;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has completed only 2.59 hectares of additional irrigation against the promised 10 million hectares and only 15,571 habitations were covered under the provisions of all weather road connectivity thus leaving remaining 51,231 to be covered in the next two years; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to complete the projects under Bharat Nirman by 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b)

Component	Targets to be achieved by Year 2009	Physical achievement reported
Irrigation	To create 10 million hectare of additional irrigation potential.	3.14 million hectare (up to March 2007)*, $
Roads	To provide all weather road to every habitation over a 1000 population and above (500 in hilly and tribal areas): remaining 66,802 habitations to be covered.	16444 habitations covered till Sept. 2007.
Electricity	To provide electricity to remaining 1,25,000 villages and to 23 million households.	43687 villages and 15.81 lakh BPL household electrified till Nov. 2007
Housing	To construct 60 lakh houses	37.84 lakh houses constructed till Nov. 2007
Drinking Water	To provide drinking water to 55,067 uncovered habitations by 2009. All habitation with failed sources and water quality problems will be covered.	26,470 uncovered habitations provided drinking water till June 2007.
Telecommunication connectivity	To connect remaining 66,822 villages with telephone by 2007.	50520 villages connected with Telephone up to Sept. 2007.

* Achievement during 2005-06, do not include the progress of Manipur. Achievement during 2006-07, do not include the progress for West Bengal.

$ During 2005-06, the progress for UP & WB is reported upto Dec. 2005 only.

(c) Bharat Nirman programme for improving the rural infrastructure is the cornerstone of the Government's policy. For 2007-08, Rs. 24,603 crore has been provided in the budget which marks an increase of 31.6 per cent over the outlay for 2006-07.